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SUBJ: PL 480 TITLE II REPAYMENT UNRWA FLOUR IN WHEAT UNDER TA 4630

REF: STATE 42146

- 1. UNRWA COMPTROLLER CALLOW, APPRISED OF CONTENTS REFTEL, EMPHASIZES THAT UNRWA'S COMMITMENT TO ISRAELI GOVT IS 10,762 RPT 10,762 MT WHEAT AND THAT AGENCY MUST MEET THIS COMMITMENT. PROBLEM STEMS FROM FACT THAT GOI USES FLOUR-WHEAT CONVERSION FACTOR OF 1.47 RATHER THAN OFFICIAL 1.36 RATIO USED BY USDA.
- 2. CALLOW REALIZES USG MAY WELL REGARD 10,762 MT WHEAT AS EXCESSIVE REPAYMENT FOR 7,321 MT FLOUR BORROWED BY UNRWA FROM GOI, BUT HE POINTS OUT THAT (A) ISRAELI MILLING OPERATIONS ARE PRIVATELY OPERATED, AND (B) AGENCY HAD NO ALTERNATIVE TO ACCEPTING GOI'S REQUIREMENT THAT IN RETURN FOR 7,321 MT FLOUR BORROWED FROM ISRAELI MILLERS, IT MUST RECEIVE 10,762 MT WHEAT. CALLOW ALSO NOTES THAT EXACTLY SAME 1.47 RATIO WAS APPLIED BY USG IN REPAYING SIMILAR FLOUR LOAN FROM GOI IN 1967, EVEN THOUGH OFFICIAL USDA EXCHANGE RATIO WAS LOWER.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT USG RECONSIDER ITS DECISION UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT TO SUPPLY GOI FULL AMOUNT OF 10,762 MT WHEAT

ORIGINALLY SET ASIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT PURPOSES UNDER
TA 4630, EVEN IF THIS MEANS UNRWA WOULD HAVE TO FOREGO 771 MT
FOUR MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL, GODLEY

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